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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

This paper is herewith filed in response to the Examiner's Office Action mailed on March 6, 2006 for the above-captioned U.S. Patent Application. This paper is deemed to be filed within the shortened statutory period, and no petition or fee for an extension of time is required. However, should the undersigned attorney be mistaken, please consider this a petition for any extension of time that may be required to maintain the pendency of this Patent Application, and charge deposit account no.: 50-1924 for any required fee deficiency.

New dependent claims 39-41 are added but there should be no fee for the new dependent claims, as 33 claims were originally filed, claims 14-24 and 35 were canceled, and there are presently 29 claims pending (claims 1-13, 25-34, and 36-41).

Please amend the application as shown on the following sheets.